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Gentlemen:

I have become increasingly concerned over the last several months with the reoccurring electrical power outages the residents of the Supai Village have had to endure. To the best of our knowledge, the village has been completely without electrical power for periods lasting from several days to several weeks on at least three separate occasions this summer. These power outages pose significant challenges to maintaining basic public health and safety services for the residents of Supai Village. It is also severely impacting the Havasupai Tribe's ability to communicate with anyone outside of the Canyon. While the heat of the summer is difficult for the residents to endure without electricity, winter will be much worse. This situation poses a severe risk to the health and welfare of the people of Supai Village.

During the first long-lasting power outage, Coconino County Emergency Management Services provided generators, drinking water, dry ice, and propane grills. These items were paid for using state and county funds and from donations. While we were glad to be able to assist in providing these services during this time of need, we must do all we can to address the circumstances that lead to these power outages so that essential services can be maintained within Supai Village.

I understand that there is some difference of opinion as to whether the Bureau of Indian Affairs or Mohave Electrical Cooperative is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the electrical line that serves the Supai Village. I would urge you in the

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strongest possible terms to resolve this issue – the people of this community deserve to have a reliable source of electricity for their homes, school, clinic, and other essential facilities. I am committed to doing all I can to ensure that this community has the electricity it needs – I hope your organizations will do the same. To this end, please let me know what assistance I can provide to resolve this issue.

Yours very truly,



Janet Napolitano
Governor

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